

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

LINDA A. ALLEN, in her Individual Capacity  
and as Trustee of the GOLDEN ASSETS  
SETTLEMENT TRUST;  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN;  
ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP,  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

*Defendants.*

Case No. 1:25-cv-118

District Judge Paul L. Maloney

Magistrate Judge Phillip J. Green

**PLAINTIFF UNITED STATES' OPPOSITION  
TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SET ASIDE CLERK'S  
ENTRY OF DEFAULT**

Plaintiff United States of America opposes Defendant Linda A. Allen's Motion to Set Aside Clerk's Entry of Default (ECF 27) against her as Trustee of the Golden Assets Settlement Trust.

As set forth in more detail in the United States' supporting brief, Ms. Allen is not an attorney, and the Trust may not appear pro se. As a result, the clerk's entry of default is proper. Ms. Allen's motion should either be denied or stricken from the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On July 14, 2025, I caused the foregoing Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Set Aside Clerk's Entry of Default to be filed electronically with the Clerk of Court through ECF, and I caused a copy of the foregoing document and notice of electronic filing to be mailed by first-class mail, postage paid, to the following non-ECF participant:

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